Ian Ledlin 1 Phillabaum, Ledlin, Matthews & Sheldon, PLLC 2 421 W. Riverside Avenue, #900 Spokane, WA 99201 (509) 838-6055 3 Lawyer for Numerica Credit Union 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 9 In re: No. 06-02852-FLK7 10 CHARLES A. & VANESSA L. XAUDARO, 11 Debtors. 12 13 Adv. No. 07-80001 NUMERICA CREDIT UNION, 14 FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW Plaintiff, 15 VS. 16 CHARLES A. & VANESSA L. XAUDARO, 17 Defendants. 18 19 THIS MATTER having come before the Court on plaintiff's Motion for Entry 20 of Default and the Entry of Default thereon, and by the Motion for Judgment by 21 Default, the Court having considered the files and pleadings herein and the 22 Declaration in Support, makes the following findings of fact: 23 1. On or about March 10, 2006, Defendants opened a VISA credit card 24 account with NCU ("VISA Account"), with a credit limit of \$10,000.00. 25 26 27 28 FINDINGS OF FACT AND

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW - 1

- Defendants represented to NCU that they had a gross monthly income 2. of \$3,460.00 per month. In fact, Defendant Charles Xaudaro had not worked for a full week at 3. any time in 2006. On or about March 10, 2006, Defendants used the VISA Account to make a payment to Hapo Credit Union in the amount of \$2,700.00. 5. On or about March 10, 2006, Defendants used the VISA Account to make a payment to U.S. Bank in the amount of \$2,960.00. Due to a disability, Defendant Charles Xaudaro became unemployed in 6. approximately April of 2006. 7. Account by share transfer in the amount of \$2,000.00.
  - On or about April 4, 2006, Defendants made a payment on the VISA
  - On or about April 7, 2006, Defendants made three cash advances totaling 8. \$4,833.25.
  - 9. On or about April 24, 2006, Defendants made a cash advance of \$500.00.
  - 10. On or about May 15, 2006, Defendants made a payment on the VISA Account in the amount of \$1,900.00 by check #11381 charged to their Capital One account.
  - On or about May 16, 2006, Defendants made an ATM advance on the 11. VISA Account in the amount of 501.50.
  - 12. On or about May 17, 2006, Defendants made an ATM advance on the VISA Account in the amount of \$501.50.
  - 13. On or about May 19, 2006, Defendants made a payment on the VISA Account in the amount of \$2,500.00 by check #11383 charged to their Capital One account.

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14	On or about May 223, 2006, Defendants made a payment on the VISA
Account	in the amount of \$9,000.00 by check #11384 charged to their Capital One
account.	

- 15. On or about May 22, 2006, Defendants made seven money orders payable to Defendant Vanessa Xaudaro totaling \$7,000.00. Money order fees total \$7.00.
- 16. On or about May 22, 2006, Defendants made ATM and other advances on the VISA Account totaling \$2,669.48.
- 17. On or about May 23, 2006, Defendants made an ATM advance on the VISA Account in the amount of \$501.50.
- 18. Defendants made other charges to their Visa Account in addition to those stated in the foregoing paragraphs.
- 19. On or about May 26, 2006, the Capital One check #11381 in the amount of \$1,900.00 was dishonored.
- 20. On or about June 2, 2006, the Capital One check #11383 in the amount of \$2,500.00 was dishonored.
- 21. On or about June 5, 2006, the Capital One check #11384 in the amount of \$9,000.00 was dishonored.
- 22. Defendants made charges against the Visa Account because they were unemployed, needed cash, and had no money whatsoever.
- 23. When they deposited the Capital One checks, Defendants intended that NCU believe that Defendants had credit against which they could make additional charges.
- 24. At the time they made the deposits, Defendants knew that the Capital One checks would be dishonored; alternatively, Defendants recklessly disregarded whether the Capital One checks would be honored.

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- 25. Defendants intended to deceive NCU into believing that the amount of available credit was greater than the true available balance of their Visa Account.
- 26. Defendants intended to induce NCU to rely upon the worthless Capital One checks that they paid to NCU.
- 27. In reliance upon the Defendants' implied representations that the Capital One checks were good, NCU permitted Defendants to continue to make charges against the Visa Account.
- 28. NCU sustained damages as the proximate result of the Defendants' implied representations that the Capital One checks would be honored.
  - 29. On June 5, 2006, the balance due on the Visa Account was \$22,411.57.
  - 30. On January 19, 2007, the debtors filed this bankruptcy case.
- 31. Defendants' Bankruptcy Schedules disclose indebtedness totaling more than \$181,000.00, none of which debt is secured by real property.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the Court enters the following conclusions of law:

- 1. The court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action.
- 2. Plaintiff is entitled to recover its costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred herein.
- 3. Plaintiff is entitled to judgment against defendants in the amount of \$26,230.36, consisting of principal of \$22,460.43, interest thereon pursuant to 11 USC § 1961 through February 27, 2007 of \$2,116.68, and attorney fees and costs of \$1,653.25.
- 4. Defendants' debt to NCU should be excepted from discharge pursuant to 11 USC § 523(a)(2).

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1	5. Plaintiff's judgment should accrue interest pursuant to 11 USC § 1961,
2	5.05% per annum, from date of entry.
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